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Soviet, other airlines do spy, specialists say

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WASHINGTON — US intelligence specialists say Soviet Aeroflot airliners regularly carry out spying duties such as overhead photography and monitoring radar signals, and other national airlines do the same thing.

Maj. Gen. George Keegan, retired chief of Air Force intelligence, said, "We know the Aeroflot planes are equipped with a multitude of intelligence devices, such as cameras, radar detectors, radio receivers and infrared detectors."

Defense intelligence specialist Ralph Ostrich of BDM Corp. McLean, Va., said other nations also

use such methods for intelligence collecting.

Aeroflot was banned from the United States for a week because two flights left their regular routes and flew over New England.

An Administration source said defense installations the Aeroflot flights passed over or near included: Loring Air Force Base, Maine; Groton, Conn.; submarine base; Otis and Hanscom AFBs in Massachusetts, and several classified electronic installations in the Boston area.